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Water Board Passes Recharge Resolution

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The Idaho Water Resource Board today unanimously passed a resolution to place a recharge water permit held by the Board into the Water Supply Bank, making it available to be rented at no cost, and diverted for ground water recharge at one or more points different than those specified under the water permit.

Various canal companies have expressed interest in recharge of the Eastern Snake Plain Aquifer made possible by above average snow pack across Southern Idaho.

Six straight years of drought have taken a toll on the Eastern Snake Plain Aquifer and recharge is recognized as a pro-active method to help restore the ground water levels.

The resolution was needed to provide for diversion of water under the water right permit at one or more different locations.

If remaining issues pertaining to recharge are resolved, water could be diverted into the canal systems as soon as March 15, and allowed to seep into the ground and into the aquifer.

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